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Part B for January 1927

SUBJECT

Incurring an expenditure of Rs. 30/- for exhibiting jail made articles in the exhibition of Arts & Industries which was held in Cubbon Park in the Christmas of 1926.

3(.2) To the D. G. of Prisons in Mysore.
" Comptroller to govt.
No. G. 6480-1 dy 11-12-26.
Sanctions the above.

B Krishnamurthy
17/1/27

Subject:- celebration of victory in the North African Campaign.

A copy of the letter received from the Residency has been submitted to the Durbar with a D.S.N. Submitted with draft letter to the D.C. as desired. A chair has to be taken for declaring Friday the 21st May 1943, as a public holiday.

A separate letter will be sent up to the Residency in regard to the processions to be taken through the limits of the city (Vide para 4 of the Residency letter.)

Rd. 19/5/43

Dft appd. Issue & submit.

WD 15/5/43

Pl. cmn 3979

Draft and fair letter.

RK 17/5/43

For perusal

GOR 17/5

Fwdg

RK 17/5/43

Fr GOR 17/5

Issued. None.

Re-submitted.

A chair has been taken separately for declaring Friday the 21st May a public holiday.

Rd. 18/5/43 (Please keep all the connected papers together.)

WD 18/5/43

C. F. No. 46]

GOVERNMENT OF MYSORE

Telegram
Telephone

OFFICE OF

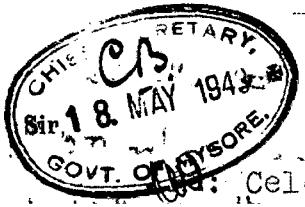
The Deputy Commissioner,
Chitaldrug District,
Chitaldrug.

No. A5.P.R.289/42-43
Encls

Date 17th May 1943.

To

V. Vedavyasacharya, Esquire, B.A.,
Chief Secretary to Government of Mysore,
Bangalore.



Sir,

Sub: Celebration of Victory in North African Campaign.

Adverting to para 2 of your letter No.4943-51/ C.B. dated 15th May 1943 on the above subject, I have the honour to request you to kindly intimate whether the allotment of Rs 200/- made for this District is to be spent for celebrating the occasion in the Religious institutions at District Headquarter town alone or whether it can be distributed among the several Taluks for being spent in connection with the celebration of the occasion in the Religious Institutions in the Taluks also. I request the favour of an immediate reply in the matter by wire if need be.

As the sanctioned amount of Rs 200/- is too much for Chitaldrug Town and as Davangere cannot be left out in the matter of these celebrations, I am of opinion that it is

P.T.O.

Submitted

The intention of giving, that special prayers should be conducted in religious institutions, hospitals etc in the Dist. not only in the Head. Quarters, but also in other parts of the districts, provided the expenses in this connection do not exceed the amounts allotted to them.

If approved, the D.C. will be informed accordingly and the matter, left to their discretion.

Yes.

18/5/43

18/5/43

Submitted for approval with a draft letter.

18/5/43

Issued.

Submitted to His Highness.

Flag I. I submit herewith for His Highness's gracious perusal a copy of a letter received from the Residency regarding the proposed celebration of the Victory of the Allies in the North African Campaign.

The date fixed for the celebration is Friday, the 21st May 1943. Arrangements are being made for the celebration in the State also. The Deputy Commissioners have been requested to arrange for special prayers and religious service in the Muzrai institutions in all District Headquarters. It is proposed to grant Rs.200 to each of the Districts and Rs.250/- each to the Cities of Bangalore and Mysore for meeting the incidental expenditure in connection with the celebrations.

N. Madhava Rau

DEWAN.

Bangalore,
14th May 1943.

Record of Cases submitted for the Orders of His Highness the Maharaja.

829.

Subject.

Letter from the Residency regarding the proposed celebration of the Victory of the Allies in the North African Campaign.

No. 829

Order.

VRW
15/5/'43.

Chief Secy

WCT 17/5/43

RM 16/5/43

General and Revenue

Secretariat.

1097.

SUBJECT:—

Letter from the Residency regarding the proposed celebration of the Victory of the Allies in the North African Campaign.

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14. All urgent or confidential files returned with His Highness' orders may, in the absence of instructions or indications to the contrary, be ordinarily circulated to the Ministers for perusal after the issue of orders.

16. The Secretaries concerned should see that orders in the cases referred to above are issued at once and that the files are returned immediately after, to the Chief Secretary for circulation to the Ministers.

17. In all other cases, the files will first be circulated to the Ministers at Headquarters and then sent to the Secretariat concerned for the issue of orders.

Circulated to Council of Ministers for perusal of His Highness' orders before/after issue of orders. (*Vide* Rules 14, 16 and 17 of the Subsidiary Rules of the Mysore Government Business Rules.) (*)

Offg. *Chief Secretary to Government.*
17/5/43

Through the Secretary to Government,

.....Department.

9772
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Minister for Revenue and Law.

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Minister for Public Works.
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Minister for Local Self-Govt. and Public Health.
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24.5.43

Minister for Industries and Commerce and Supplies.
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Minister for Education.
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25/5/43

Tunicia day 385/43 no. 7/CB

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In connection with the celebration of Tunicia Day on the 21st May 1943, a sum of Rs. 200/- was placed at the disposal of each of the D.Cs and Rs. 25/- each at the disposal of the Commr, B.C.M. and the president, M.C.M. for defraying the expenses in this respect. The officers concerned were requested to submit short reports on the celebrations conducted on the occasion.

Excepting the D.C. Kolar, the other D.Cs, the Commr, B.C.M. and the President, M.C.M. have forwarded the reports called for in this connection. It is seen from the reports that special prayers & religious services were conducted in the several temples, Mosques & other places of worship in all the Dists & the Sub Head quarters. Sweets were distributed in schools and the Tyrian flags were hoisted on all the public buildings. The D.C. Chitaldrug has also arranged to distribute a small prize to a student, who writes the best essay on the 'Tunicia day.

Submitted for perusal.

Bag(w) 3/7/43.

The papers will be new filed if appd.

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Nil report-Annual report from the D.C. Kolar is also just expected

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OFFICE OF THE MINISTER FOR EDUCATION Dated 9.7.1943 No. 128

No.F.45-43/W. Encl.1.

IMMEDIATE
SECRET. Bangalore, 13th May 43.

From

The Secretary to the Hon'ble the Resident in Mysore.

To

The Chief Secretary to the Govt. of His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore, Bangalore.

Celebration of Victory in North African campaign.

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Sir,

I am directed to inform you that the Government of India have had for some time under their consideration the question whether the final defeat of the Axis Forces in Tunisia should be marked by public celebrations throughout India. They are of opinion that such celebrations will have an excellent effect upon the public morale, provided that they are not of a character to suggest to the uninformed and simpleminded that the worst of the war is over, that the end is in sight, or that there is any justification for relaxing the war effort.

2. As regards the European theatre of war, it must be clearly borne in upon the public that the victory in Tunisia signifies merely the end of the phase which began with El-Alamein, and the conclusion of the North African campaign, and that by far the most serious portion of the struggle in this theatre still lies ahead. As regards India, it must be emphasized that while success in North Africa removes one part of the threat to her western frontier the operations against Japan are not immediately affected, and that great sacrifice and effort will still be necessary before final victory in that theatre can be attained.

3. The Government of India have given the following general outlines of a provisional programme and have expressed the hope that the local civil authorities, in co-operation with His Majesty's Forces wherever these are present, and with influential members of the public, will unite in an endeavour to make the celebrations a success.

4. His Excellency the Viceroy has been pleased to signify his intention of addressing a short broadcast to the Princes and people of India on the significance of the final defeat of the Axis Forces in Tunisia, and of announcing at the same time the date fixed for the celebrations and the declaration of a public holiday on that date. The date will be fixed not more than a week after His Excellency's announcement.

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6. Apart from ceremonial parades, the Government of India would welcome the arrangement of any festivities which gave an opportunity for fraternization between the civil and military, such as joint sports or the entertainment of soldiers by civilian organisations. In this connection extracts from a letter addressed to Provincial Governments by the Department of Information and Broadcasting are enclosed.

SECRET.

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Subject: Jubilation in the event of the final overthrow of the Axis Forces in Tunisia.

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I have the honour to suggest in broad outlines some of the items which can be arranged to celebrate the event. It is realised that all these items cannot be arranged at all places, and also that there would be many other equally suitable ways of celebrating the day which might suggest themselves to local authorities.

1. A public holiday. The date will be announced by His Excellency the Viceroy in the manner described in War Department's letter.
2. Distribution of sweets to school children.
3. Feeding the poor.
4. Fairs, wrestling matches etc.
5. Public prayers.
6. Decoration of Government offices by flags etc.
7. Symposiums of poets wherever they can be arranged.
8. Military, Police, W.A.C., A.R.P. Civil guards etc. parades and processions with bands.
9. Entertainments arranged by civilians to which Defence Services personnel are invited.
10. Sports and tournaments between civilian and Defence Servicemen.

2. I am also to state in rough outline, for your information the programmes intended to be observed and the material intended to be produced by Publicity Organizations of the Central Government.

A.I.R.

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IMMEDIATE.
SECRET.

No. F. 45-43/W. Encl. 1.

Sub for perusal
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13/5/43

From

The Secretary to the Hon'ble the Resident in Mysore.

To

The Chief Secretary to the Government of His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore, Bangalore.

(Education Dept) Dewan

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May be acceptable + agreed to

Bangalore 13th May 1943.

Celebration of Victory in the North African campaign.

Sec of Govt, National war Front to prepare a programme in consultation with city organisations

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FILM SECTION.

Specially edited films consiting of excerpts from films already shown (1) of the African campaign, (2) of the

fighting.

fighti ' in Libya and (3) of trainin, of Indian troops in India will be put into circulation. The picture "Victor, in the Desert" is due to arrive shortly and will be on L. circuits at that time.

NATIONAL WAR FRONT.

The National War Front will arrange for press advertisements for the day, posters, hoardings etc. It will also supply talking points for speeches by non-officials, district officers, Headmasters of schools etc.

3. The Government of India consider that in view of the short time that could be at the disposal of the district officers and the consequent difficulty of raising sufficient voluntary donations to cover all the expenses of the celebrations, it would be advisable if the Provincial Governments could place a grant at the disposal of their district officers to meet incidental expenses connected with the celebrations.

4. This letter is not to be taken in any way to affect the observations made and the policy laid down in regard to the intensity of the celebrations and the trend of the speeches already indicated by the Government of India.

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14th May, 43

Chief

The Secretary to the
Hon'ble the Resident in Mysore,
Bangalore.

Subject:- Victory celebrations - North-African Campaign.

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter No.F.45-43/W. dated the 13th May 1943 on the above subject and to state that His Highness' Government will be glad to co-operate fully in the celebrations.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

14/5/43

Offg. Chief Secretary to Government.

No. 4943-51/C.S. 219-42-3
Dated 18-5-43

Subject:- Celebration of Victory in North African campaign.

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To

The Deputy Commissioners of Districts.

Sir,

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The Comptroller to Govt. has been requested to place a sum of Rs.200/- at the disposal of each of the Deputy Commrs, ~~Bangalore and Mysore~~ and Rs.250/- each in the case of ~~other Deputy Commissioners~~ B'lore & Mysore City municipalities, for defraying the ~~expenses~~ contingent expenses connected with the celebrations. I am to add that a short report ~~about the action taken~~ on the celebrations conducted on the occasion may be submitted.

The expenses will be met from out of the provision made for the N.W.F. ~~for~~ for the current year. -

GOVERNMENT OF HIS HIGHNESS THE MAHARAJA OF MYSORE.

IMMEDIATE.

No. 4953-57/CB

General and Revenue Secretariat,

Dated. Bangalore. 15th May 1943.

FROM

The Chief Secretary to the Government of His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore.

To

The Deputy Commissioners of Districts.

Subject: Celebration of Victory in North African campaign.

SIR,

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The expenses will be met from out of the provision made for the National War Front for the current year.

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I have, etc.,

(Sd.) V. Vedavyasacha...,

Offg. Chief Secretary to Govt

Memo No.4952-57/C.B.

Copy of the above is forwarded, with compliments, to the Comptroller to Govt., through Finl. Sectt. for immediate action.

Vedavyasachar

Chief Secretary to Govt.

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IMMEDIATE. GOVERNMENT OF HIS HIGHNESS THE MAHARAJA OF MYSORE.

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THE DEPUTY COMMISSIONER,

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P. T. O

Memo No.4953-70/C.B. General & Revenue Secretariat,
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2. President, Mysore C. Ml
3. Secy., N. W. F. J

M. N. Varadaraj ge
For Chief Secretary to Govt.

Secy of Bangalore & Cantt Letter No. [illegible], dated the 15th May 1943, from the Secretary to the Hon'ble the Resident in Mysore, addressed to the Chief Secretary to the Govt. of Mysore.

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8. Plans to celebrate the event in the S. & M. Stn., Bangalore, are being made in consultation with the local military authorities. One of the items proposed is a procession of the military, N.V.S., A.R.P., St. John Ambulance and some special Police and the Civil &

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FILM SECTION.

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IMMEDIATE
SECRET. Bangalore, 13th May 43.

From

The Secretary to the Hon'ble the Resident in Mysore.

To

The Chief Secretary to the Govt. of His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore, Bangalore.

Celebration of Victory in North African campaign.

Sir,

I am directed to inform you that the Government of India have had for some time under their consideration the question whether the final defeat of the Axis Forces in Tunisia should be marked by public celebrations throughout India. They are of opinion that such celebrations will have an excellent effect upon the public morale, provided that they are not of a character to suggest to the uninformed and simpleminded that the worst of the war is over, that the end is in sight, or that there is any justification for relaxing the war effort.

2. As regards the European theatre of war, it must be clearly borne in upon the public that the victory in Tunisia signifies merely the end of the phase which began with El-Alamein, and the conclusion of the North African campaign, and that by far the most serious portion of the struggle in this theatre still lies ahead. As regards India, it must be emphasized that while success in North Africa removes one part of the threat to her western frontier, the operations against Japan are not immediately affected, and that great sacrifice and effort will still be necessary before final victory in that theatre can be attained.

3. The Government of India have given the following general outlines of a provisional programme and have expressed the hope that the local civil authorities, in co-operation with His Majesty's Forces wherever these are present, and with influential members of the public, will unite in an endeavour to make the celebrations a success.

4. His Excellency the Viceroy has been pleased to signify his intention of addressing a short broadcast to the Princes and people of India on the significance of the final defeat of the Axis forces in Tunisia, and of announcing at the same time the date fixed for the celebrations and the declaration of a public holiday on that date. The date will be fixed not more than a week after His Excellency's announcement.

5. Military parades or marches of all Services and Arms, including the Women's Auxiliary Corps, India, will be arranged wherever possible and the Government of India hope that the Police Forces, A.R.P.Services, N.V.S. and other civilian organisations will also take part. The details of such joint parades etc. must be left to the local civil and military authorities; but it is suggested that bands should be used wherever available and that there should be displays of guns, tanks and other armoured fighting vehicles.

6. Apart from ceremonial parades, the Government of India would welcome the arrangement of any festivities which gave an opportunity for fraternization between the civil and military, such as joint sports or the entertainment of soldiers by civilian organisations. In this connection extracts from a letter addressed to Provincial Governments by the Department of Information and Broadcasting are enclosed.

7. As the proposed celebrations are to be on an All-India scale, His Excellency the Crown Representative considers it desirable that States should also be invited to join in them as far as practicable. The Hon'ble the Resident would therefore be grateful if the Government of Mysore would kindly arrange such celebrations as are practicable throughout the State in accordance with the general programme given by the Government of India.

8. Plans to celebrate the event at the Civil and Military Station Bangalore, are being made in consultation with the local military authorities. One of the items proposed is a procession of the military, viz., [illegible], to [illegible] and the Civil and Military [illegible] authorities will be glad to extend their procession into Bangalore City if the Government of Mysore would like them to do so.

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([illegible]) [illegible],

Secretary to the Resident.

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OFFICE OF THE [illegible]
FOR INDUSTRIES & SUPPLIES
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SECRET.

Extracts from a letter from the Govt. of India, Department of Information and Broadcasting, No.28/13/43. A & G, dated New Delhi, the 1st May 1943, to Chief Secretaries of all Provincial Govts.etc.

Subject: Jubilation in the event of the final overthrow of the Axis Forces in Tunisia.

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I have the honour to suggest in broad outlines some of the items which can be arranged to celebrate the event. It is realised that all these items cannot be arranged at all places, and also that there would be many other equally suitable ways of celebrating the day which might suggest themselves to local authorities.

1. A public holiday. The date will be announced by His Excellency the Viceroy in the manner described in War Department's letter.
2. Distribution of sweets to school children.
3. Feeding the poor.
4. Fairs, wrestling matches etc.
5. Public prayers.
6. Decoration of Government offices by flags etc.
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2. I am also to state in rough outline, for your information the programmes intended to be observed and the material intended to be produced by Publicity Organizations of the Central Government.

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1. Broadcasts.
   (1) A broadcast by H.E. the Viceroy as soon after the Victory as possible announcing the public holiday.
   (2) High military officers who have taken part in the African campaign and now happen to be in India would also be invited to broadcast on the day fixed for the celebrations.

2. Broadcast of specially composed victory songs and poems, received from the Song Publicity Organisations.

3. Special features arranged for the day.

Note.- Station Directors have been asked to prepare the programmes as far as possible in collaboration with the Local Government authorities.

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6. Decoration of Government offices by flags etc.
7. Composition of poets already [illegible] and to be arranged.
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